

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CT
MINUTES**

January 20, 2009
Room 213

Special Meeting: 7:30 PM

Present: Lawrence, Castell, Gadsden, Hughes, Macdonald
Staff: Ginsberg, Keating and Sangrey

This meeting was a discussion of the expansion of the P&Z regulations to incorporate Directional Signs (Off Premise Signs) and Blade Signs.

Billboard signs. Jeremy opened the meeting by outlining the fact that Billboards - or Off Premise Signs - are not allowed in Darien. This is primarily because of the extreme difficulty of controlling the extent of their size and locations. This is further complicated by the necessity to install Off Premise signs on various properties (town, state, private) other than the one of the sign owner. In addition to this, ZBA has established a long precedent of denials of Off Premise Signs in the past. The ARB was supportive of denying Billboard or Off Premise signs.

Blade Signs. The ARB supported the position of amending the zoning regulations to allow Blade Signs in certain areas and would like to request P&Z to encourage distinctiveness, innovation and allowing the replacement of hanging signs.

Directional Signs. The sense of the meeting is that Directional Signs are not to be allowed as these fit into the category of Off Premise Signs.

No motions were made and no actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Castell